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1. INFORMAL MEETING ON LICENSING WAS CONVENED BY U.S.
DEL AND INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF EC, CANADA,
JAPAN, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRALIA, NORDICS, BRAZIL, ASEAN,
AND MEXICAN DELEGATIONS. MEXICAN DEL (FUENTES)
FORMALLY INTRODUCED THEIR PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL AND
DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN THE LICENSING AREA.
RATHER THAN CIRCULATING THE DOCUMENT ON AN INFORMAL

BASIS, MEXICO HAD THE S&D PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS OTHER REVISIONS OF THE LICENSING TEXTS, DISTRIBUTED AS MTN DOCUMENTS (MTN/NTM/W/170 AND 171 - BEING HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY FIRST AVAILABLE TRAVELLER). MEXICAN DEL ADMITTED

THAT S&D WAS NOT EASILY OBTAINED IN TEXTS DEALING WITH ONLY LICENSING PROCEDURES. AS A RESULT, MEXICO PROPOSES THAT S&D CONSIST OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ELIMINATING LICENSING PROCEDURES. MEXICO RECOGNIZED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME CASES WHERE ELIMINATION OF LICENSING PROCEDURES MIGHT BE DIFFICULT, BUT THEY CONSIDER SUCH SITUATIONS AS TEMPORARY IN NATURE.

2. SWITZERLAND (LEMPEN), CANADA (LE BLANC), AUSTRALIA (HELY), AND JAPAN (TAMORI) REITERATED PAST STATEMENTS EXPRESSING DIFFICULTIES WITH ELIMINATION OF LICENSING SYSTEMS, BOTH AUTOMATIC AS WELL AS LICENSING SYSTEMS TO ADMINISTER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. U.S. DEL (WALLAR) NOTED THAT THE DISCIPLINE ENVISAGED IN THE TEXTS (E.G. STREAMLINED AND EFFICIENT AND TRANS-PARENT OPERATING PROCEDURES) WOULD ENSURE THAT LICENSING SYSTEMS DO NOT RESTRICT TRADE. LICENSING, IN U.S. VIEW HAD LONG BEEN CONSIDERED AN AREA IN WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE MTN AND AGREED WITH MEXICAN DEL AND THAT S&D IN THE PROCEDURAL LICENSING CODES IS DIFFICULT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. WITH MAJOR NEW PROPOSAL ON THE TABLE, AND LITTLE OPPORTUNITY SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING TO EXPLORE OUTSTANDING ISSUES, DELS SAID THAT THEY WOULD REQUIRE TIME TO STUDY THE EXISTING SITUATION. ALL AGREED THAT DELS WOULD COME PREPARED AT THE NEXT MEETING TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATION ON THE LICENSING TEXTS.

4. IN FOLLOW-UP TO THE SWISS IDEA OF COMBINING THE TEXTS ON AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING AND LICENSING TO ADMINISTER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, GATT SECRETARIAT (ROBINSON) WAS REQUESTED BY THE GROUP TO TRY TO COMBINE THE TEXTS SO THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS IDEA COULD BE FACILITATED. GATT SECRETARIAT AGREED TO UNDERTAKE THE TASK, IN CONSULTATION, WITH DELEGATIONS AND HOPES TO HAVE A DRAFT DOCUMENT AVAILABLE BEFORE THE FIRST OF AUGUST. THE DOCUMENT WILL BE RESTRICTED TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE INFORMAL GROUP AND IS BEING DRAFTED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO EXISTING POSITIONS IN THE TEXTS.

5. DRAFTED BY WALLAR. CULBERT

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